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In re Application of:

Morikatsu MATSUDA et al.

Application No.: 09/661,459

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IN THE ADMITTED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 3724 Examiner: C. Goodman Atty. Dkt. No. 000004.00661 TC 3TOO MAIL ROOM

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PUNCHING MACHINE For: AND METHOD THEREOF Date: June 6, 2002

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2001. A petition for a three-month extension of time is filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 10 and 12-16 as follows:

10. (Amended) A punching machine, comprising:

a body frame having a table (23, 35), the table supporting a workpiece (W) to be

worked;

a first positioning device (53) mounted on the table, the first positioning device

positioning the workpiece in a first direction (X);

a second positioning device (69) mounted on the table, the second positioning

device positioning the workpiece in the first direction; and